

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Dr. C. C. Ferrell.

The tragic death of Clifton Ferrell at Birmingham, Ala., Sunday morning, has caused a profound feeling of sorrow in Hopkinsville. Although he had not lived here for many years he was known to everybody by reason of his frequent visits to his father, the late Maj. J. O. Ferrell, and of more recent years to his mother. His boyhood was spent here and many of his former schoolmates attended his funeral services yesterday. Dr. Ferrell was one of the best educated men Hopkinsville has turned out in a generation. He was a scholar of profound learning and as an author had written a number of books that attracted wide attention. As an educator he had reached a high position, when he decided to enter commercial life. To his widowed and now childless mother, the sympathies of many warm friends are extended.

Roy L. McCardell won the \$10,000 offered by the American Manufacturing Film Co., for the best photograph submitted. The title is "The Diamond From the Sky." McCardell is a well known writer of photoplays. His name was not discovered until the award had been made by a committee.

Hon. A. O. Stanley opened his campaign for governor at Frankfort Saturday to a large crowd in the old statehouse yard. Mr. Stanley's speech was vigorous, comprehensive and full of vim, but without bitterness or invective. The speech will in the near future be given in full.

The ladies of Owensboro have organized an "Athens Club." Why not let "The Athenaeum," of Hopkinsville, invite the ladies to send a representative over to the opening session Thursday night?

A Baptist church at Jackson has called the Rev. J. H. Broom to the pastorate. The capital of Breathitt should be a splendid place for a minister to clean-up. — Elizabethtown News.

The captain of the Gulfight dropped dead when his ship was hit by a German torpedo. Sailing the high seas is no calling for a man nowadays who is liable to be scared to death.

A conference of Dixie Highway workers, including some from Louisville, was held at Salem, Ind., Saturday. Several routes out of Louisville are proposed.

Webster county may renounce State aid for roads as public opinion is believed to be against the plan suggested by the State Highway Commissioner.

Janesville, Tenn., had a lynching the other night. Tom Brooks, who killed R. L. Day and Pless Hawkins, was taken from the sheriff and hanged by a mob.

New York's unemployed amount to more than 398,000, according to a Department of Labor report.

Bedford's champion boy orator is named Byron Bacon Black. He probably won by being a busy B.

Another big battle in Mexico between Villa and Obregon is expected soon at Aguascalientes.

A severe snowstorm in California and other Western States caused much damage Saturday.

Dr. Cherry evidently capeluded that he was not of the "Governor Wood" variety.

Twelve hundred morphine tablets were stolen from a drug store in Owensboro.

The 42-centimeter shells used by the Germans measure 16 1/2 inches in length.

Bosworth is the first man to file his petition in the governor's race.

EYE-OPENER IS PLANNED

Bluegrass Farmers To Be Brought to Christian County.

TO LEARN A FEW THINGS

Geoffrey Morgan Has Demonstration Plan To Show What Can Be Done.

In order that the people of the bluegrass section may get a fair idea of what a fine country western Kentucky really is and what a progressive lot of farmers live here, Geoffrey Morgan, formerly farm demonstrator for Christian county, but now district supervisor of farm demonstrators for about fifteen central Kentucky counties, with his headquarters at Richmond, Ky., is arranging to bring a big party of farm demonstrators and farmers from that section down here for a visit. He has picked out Warren and Christian counties as the ones to be visited. In a long letter to the Hopkinsville Business Men's Association he outlines his plan, and says the party will leave Lexington on a special train of sleepers on June 1, reaching Bowling Green on the morning of June 2 and spend the day there and then come here for the next day.

In each county he purposes that the local commercial clubs provide automobiles to carry the party to points of interest in the counties visited, and that in Bowling Green they be given a big strawberry dinner and at Hopkinsville they be given a barbecue. Also any other entertainment may be provided.

Mr. Morgan says that this plan has the enthusiastic endorsement of the United States agricultural department, which has agreed to pay the expenses of each of the twenty-two farm demonstrators now employed in central Kentucky counties. In addition he proposes to bring not less than four farmers from each county, and they must agree before coming to write articles for their local papers when they return home. In his letter Mr. Morgan says: "Their idea of Christian county is a land of sassafras bushes and sage grass, night riders, 'possum hunters and other disturbances. I have become weary of this, and so have hit upon a plan to disillusion their minds and introduce them to the 'Modern Garden of Eden.'"

The proposition has met with enthusiastic acceptance both here and at Bowling Green, and it seems already assured that it will be carried out, and the visit of the bluegrass farmers will be a memorable occasion.

B. Gordon Nelson of the Kentucky Carn Club department, whose home is here, is actively co-operating with Mr. Morgan in working the matter up.

Crawley Vass.

Herbert Vass and Miss Mary Lee Crawley stole a march on their friends Wednesday afternoon by going to Evansville, where they were married. The young people came to Henderson several months ago from Hopkinsville. Miss Crawley had been doing some sewing, while Mr. Vass holds a position in the Hotel Kingdon barber shop. They were lovers before coming to Henderson and their marriage was not a surprise to their close personal friends. Wednesday they went to Evansville, secured a license and were married in the afternoon. They returned to Henderson on the 7 o'clock traction and went to the bride's boarding house at R. S. Eastin's, on Maple avenue, before telling any one of their marriage. For the present they will board at Mr. Eastin's and may go to housekeeping later. Both are quite popular and have a host of friends both here and Hopkinsville, who wish them much happiness through life. — Gleaser.

A FATAL CRAP GAME

Dead Body of Cross Billingsly Found Early Sunday Morning.

AT WHEATLAND GRANGE HALL

Three Negroes in Jail Awaiting Trial Next Thursday.

Cross Billingsly, a young negro man about 25 years of age, was found dead near the road close to the Wheatland Grange Hall, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The discovery was made by Dick Moore, who reported the fact at once. Billingsly had last been seen with two other negroes named Ed Sanders and Wallace Goodrich and as soon as he could reach the scene Sunday morning Sheriff Jewell Smith went to Mr. P. B. Pendleton's, where they lived, and took both men into custody. Upon reaching the city they acknowledged the killing, but said that the fatal wound was made by Calvin Yancey, an ex-convict. Sheriff Smith made a return trip and arrested Yancey.

The killing grew out of a crap game, is the report, and on the spot where the body was found there was evidence of a struggle. Billingsly's clothing was torn and the only wound was a knife thrust 2 or 3 inches below the collar-bone, on the right side, that severed an artery. The supposition is that one or more held him while he was knifed, as he was a powerful man, weighing 200 pounds. An inquest was held and the verdict implicated Sanders and Goodrich. M. H. Carroll was foreman. Yancey has recently been a day hand at F. B. Lacy's. Billingsly lived at Ben Bradshaw's. All three of the men are in jail and the examining trial will be held Thursday.

JUGULAR VEIN CUT

Negro Man Survives a Most Dangerous Knife Wound.

Frank Davis, who resides on Mr. Frank Stowe's farm, near Church Hill, had his throat cut Saturday afternoon while in the city. Davis declined to say who cut him, stating that two other negroes were in a fight and in attempting to separate them he received the wound. The gash in his neck was six inches long and the jugular was severed. He lost much blood and it took quick work of a surgeon to stop the flow. It took fifteen stitches to close the wound, after both ends of the jugular been tied.

Davis was able to be taken to his home the same afternoon and the chances are that he will recover.

Owensboro Wakes Up.

Come on with your bitulithic streets, Mayor Hickman. Extend the work out Frederica street at least to Griffith avenue, and up Third street to Daviess. The Messenger will cheerfully pay its part and help out the Y. M. C. A. on its part, also. Good streets for Owensboro and good roads for Daviess county should be the motto of every progressive citizen. — Owensboro Messenger.

Overstreet-Woodson.

Mr. and Mrs. Urey Woodson, of Owensboro, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Janey Woodson, to Mr. William E. Overstreet. The wedding will take place on June 1.

Married in Memphis.

Lawrence Hord, son of Mrs. J. G. Hord, of this city, and Miss Mary Sencerbox were married in Memphis a few days ago. The groom has been residing in Memphis for several years.

DR. FERRELL ASSASSINATED

Shot To Death By A Negro Seeking To Rob Commissary.

KILLED WHEN HE APPEARED.

Remains Brought Here For Internment Yesterday Afternoon.

Mr. Ferrell had taken his wife and children into Birmingham that morning and had returned in the afternoon. Late in the night he heard a suspicious noise about the commissary, which was in a separate building near the dwelling house. He arose and went out to investigate, firing a pistol into the ground to frighten off the thief. A negro man was under the commissary armed with a shotgun and fired upon him with both barrels. One load took effect in his left arm and the other in the left side of his bowels. He lived fifteen minutes, conscious to the last.

Dogs were put on the trail at once and went straight to the cabin of a negro man who was found feigning sleep with a shotgun in his house and his shoes still wet with dew. A negro man had been seen to run away. He had a fifteen-year-old boy with him, who had been playing about the mines only the day before.

Both negroes were arrested and the lynching of the murderer was narrowly averted.

The body accompanied by Mrs. Ferrell, Maj. Taliaferro, his father-in-law, and Mr. George Connors, his cousin, arrived here yesterday morning. It was met by a number of friends and taken to the home of Mrs. J. O. Ferrell, on South Main street.

Chiles Clifton Ferrell was born near Greenville, S. C., August 20, 1865. He was the only son and child of James Overton and Elizabeth Austin Ferrell. He was 8 years old when his father came to Hopkinsville and his education was begun in his father's school here from 1875 to 1881. He graduated from Vanderbilt University with A. B. degree in 1885 and with A. M. the following year. He was instructor of Greek in Vanderbilt from 1885 to 1889. In 1889 he became a student at the University of Leipzig, Germany, from which he took the degree of Ph. D. in 1892. He traveled extensively in Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Italy and in 1894 took a course in Paris and in 1902 returned to Berlin for a summer course. He became professor in modern languages at the University of Mississippi, at Oxford, in 1903 and remained there until 1907. He was a member of the Modern Language Association of America, and was a member of the Vanderbilt Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He was married at Birmingham, Ala., August 16, 1899 to Miss Tenney, Marr Taliaferro, who survives him. Of three children born to them two survive, Chiles Clifton, Jr., age 9 and James Overton, aged 3.

In 1907 Mr. Ferrell gave up his work as an educator and went into business with his father-in-law in Birmingham. Since that time he had moved to a suburb of Birmingham, 25 miles out, and was engaged in coal mining, having recently opened the Pratt mine.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. C. M. Thompson and the interment was in Riverside cemetery.

The pall-bearers were former schoolmates of the deceased or pupils of his father—Geo. E. Gary, Ira L. Smith, R. M. Wooldridge, W. A. Glass, A. W. Wood, R. A. Rogers, W. T. Cooper and Chas. M. Meacham.

THE LOCAL ACCOUNT

Birmingham, Ala., May 2.—Dr. Chiles Clifton Ferrell, president of the Export Pratt Coal Company, with mines forty miles in western

M'DERMOTT ON STUMP

Presents His Claims to the Voters of Christian County.

HEARD BY GOOD CROWD.

Able Lieutenant Governor Has Many Warm Friends Here.

Lieut. Gov. Edward J. McDermott spoke here yesterday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for Governor. Mr. McDermott arrived on an early train and spent the forenoon meeting the people on the streets. He was introduced by Judge Walter Knight and the crowd that greeted him was large and representative. This brief article cannot go into a detailed report of his speech, which was published in the daily papers of Sunday. It was substantially a repetition of the Owensboro speech of Saturday.

Mr. McDermott makes a strong presentation of his claims, based on his familiarity with State affairs and his knowledge of the state's needs. He defined his position on the prohibition question as an original advocate of the present platform of the party.

Gov. McDermott is popular in this county, his ability and fitness for the honor he seeks being admitted by all.

DIED IN SPRINGFIELD

Remains of Richard Harris Interred Here Yesterday.

Richard Harrison, formerly of this city, died in Springfield, Tenn., Sunday, after a long illness of paralysis. The remains were brought here yesterday morning and interred in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Harrison was a son of the late Byron Harrison and was reared in this city. He resided in Earlington some years ago and later lived in Providence, Ky. He had been a resident of Springfield for several years.

The deceased was about 60 years old. His wife and one child survive.

part of the county was shot to death this morning about 1:30 o'clock when went to investigate barking by his little dog, suspecting that the commissary of the company was being robbed.

Several times recently the store of the company had been broken into and Dr. Ferrell, who resided across the road from the store, decided to keep a close watch. Hearing the dog this morning he rushed hastily to the outside of the house with a pistol and then two shots were heard, one of a pistol and the other of a shotgun. Dr. Ferrell was picked up later mortally wounded with buckshot wounds in head and chest, from which he died forty minutes later.

Two negroes charged with the crime were arrested and held.

Dr. Ferrell graduated at Heidelberg and for twelve years was professor of Germanic languages in the University of Mississippi. He married Miss Tennie Taliaferro of Birmingham, and is survived by a widow and two little sons. He came to Birmingham district and went into the coal mining business a few years ago. His remains were taken to Hopkinsville, Ky., for burial.

Yesterday's Nashville Tennessean said of him: "Dr. Ferrell was a brilliant student at Vanderbilt and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity after that fraternity was founded here. He was well-known in Nashville, especially to the older Vanderbilt graduates, some of his classmates still living in Nashville. News of his death will be received with sorrow in Nashville and Hopkinsville, his old home."

SINK GERMAN TORPEDOBOATS

British Destroyers More Than Even Up Scores in North Sea.

ONE ENGLISH WARSHIP SUNK.

Three Merchant Vessels, Including One American, Are Destroyed.

London, May 3.—A German submarine on Saturday sank the old British destroyer Recruit off the Galloper lightship, in the North sea, but the score was more than equalized by other British destroyers, which, after a stern chase overtook and sank the two German torpedo boats that had accompanied the submarine on her cruise.

Some of the crew of the Recruit were rescued by the trawler Daisy, but as the submarine fired on the fishermen they were compelled to leave the others to their fate. The British destroyers rescued most of the crews of the German torpedo boats and two officers were picked up by a passing steamer and taken to Holland.

Besides these incidents in the North sea the German submarines continued their operations off the Scilly Islands and in addition to torpedoing the American tank steamer Gulfight whose captain died of shock and on which two men were drowned, sank the French steamer Europe and the British steamer Fulgent, the captain of the latter vessel being shot and killed.

Beyond this there is little war news. The Germans claim an advance in their raid into the Russian Baltic provinces, and after defeating the Russians, to have reached the region southwest of Mitau, which is well on the road to Riga, and, if they are in strong force, they should prove a serious menace to Russian communications. It is believed here, however, that the movement is nothing more than a raid, and the Russians profess not to be disturbed over it.

There has been no further bombardment of Dunkirk, which would seem to indicate that the Germans only had one big gun in position, and that the French airmen have made it so uncomfortable for the gun crew that it has been withdrawn. As a reply to this bombardment the French have brought one of their big guns to bear on one of the forts on the south front of the fortress of Metz.

Along the rest of the western front, attacks and counter attacks continue, but no battle of importance has developed out of them.

It appears that the Turkish report that the Asiatic part of the Dardanelles is free of the invaders was correct, the French having gone ashore there only to make the landing of the British on the other side easier, and this accomplished, have been withdrawn, doubtless to land at some other point. News of these operations is awaited with the greatest interest, as, for the moment, they are considered among the most important of the war.

Lafferty-Cashman.

Miss Mamie Cashman, daughter of Rev. W. F. Cashman, of Russellville, formerly of this city, and G. M. Lafferty, of Casey, Ill., were married Sunday morning, the bride's father officiating. After a visit of a few days in Louisville, the couple will go to the Pacific coast to attend the exposition.

Three-Legged Chick.

Mrs. R. L. Nickols, of Oak Grove, reports the hatching of a chicken one day last week that had three well developed legs.

Miss Anne Morgan, the famous financier's daughter, advises girls to "marry when the right chap comes along," and never mind about a "cage."